



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Lewis, *et al.*

Application number: 09/481,643

Filed: January 12, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTEGRATED NETWORK MANAGEMENT  
AND SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT IN  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2003, the response period for which is extended to March 10, 2004, by the accompanying request for extension of time, Applicant submits the following remarks to place the application in condition for allowance.